

Women & the Criminal Justice System

The Central Vermont Deter Project

Deter stands for Drug, Education, Treatment, Enforcement & Rehabilitation. The Deter Project focuses on the treatment and rehabilitation needs of central Vermont women in jail who are preparing to return home.

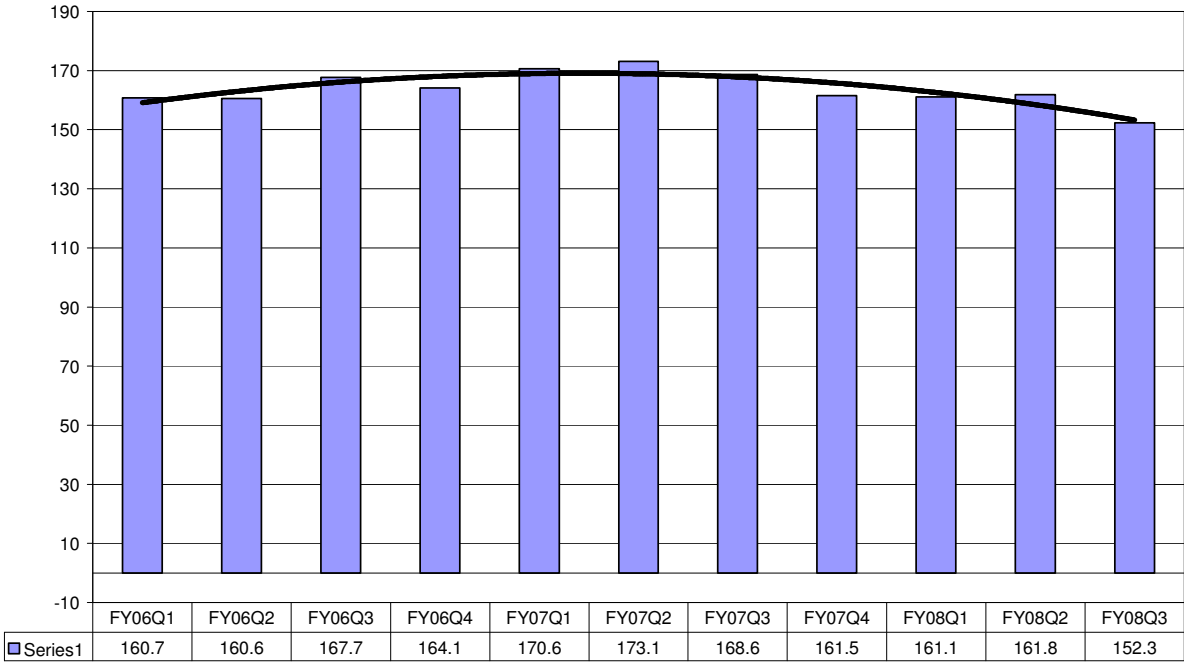
- The Deter Project is part of the statewide Incarcerated Women's Initiative
- Key elements of the Deter project include:
 - ^ assignment of a service coordinator to facilitate a team process;
 - ^ a substance abuse/mental health assessment while the woman is still in jail;
 - ^ flexible funds to help meet unmet needs, such as housing deposits, back rent, utility deposits, cleaning services, non-medical transportation costs;
 - ^ peer support;
- Since the start of our Deter Project, the average number of women in jail serving a sentence from the Barre human services district dropped from 8 to 1
- Most of the program participants never return to jail, even for a technical violation and if they are sanctioned with a return to jail, their team continues to support and work with them
- The women involved in the project are employed, are pursuing employment, working on furthering their education and/or engaged in treatment
- Local staff from probation & parole report they've experienced a greater sense of commitment from the community and other agency partners on behalf of the women since Deter was implemented. Further, the community has been more responsive in meeting the women's needs.
- Deter is currently serving 9 women. 2 other women have successfully completed the program and are no longer under the supervision of Corrections.

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Statewide Average Daily Population
Incarcerated Women



Average Daily Population from Barre

